



If you suspect that Medicaid fraud or elder abuse and neglect has occurred in a Medicaid facility or has been committed by someone working for a Medicaid provider, immediately contact Adult Protective Services and your law enforcement office. Then, report the incident to the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) of the Office of the Virginia Attorney General at **1-800-371-0824** or **1-804-371-0779**.

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NATIONAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE WINNER

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) awarded the Virginia Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) the Award for Excellence in Fighting Fraud, Waste and Abuse.

“Our criteria for selection includes both the MFCU’s impact as measured in monetary recoveries and convictions, and also the use of innovative investigative and prosecutive techniques while successfully collaborating with the OIG Office of Investigations, State Medicaid agency, and other partners.”

Report from OIG on nomination for Inspector General’s Award for excellence in fighting fraud, waste and abuse.



The award was presented on June 17, 2014 during a ceremony at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Washington. The MFCU received this award because in FY 2013, it maintained a highly effective collaboration with state, local and federal agencies. More specifically, MFCU worked jointly with the U. S. Attorney’s Office for the Western District of Virginia, FBI the IRS and HHS-OIG on the second largest health care case in US history with \$1.5 billion in recoveries. The case also resulted in the largest asset forfeiture in the history of the program with a forfeiture of \$198 million dollars. In addition, the Unit conducted additional joint investigations of fraud and patient abuse cases with The Virginia Department of Medical Assistance, the Offices of the United States Attorneys for the Eastern and Western Districts of Virginia, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Internal Revenue Service’s Criminal Investigation Division, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Virginia Department of Health, the Virginia Department of Social Services, and the United States Department of Health and Human Services’ Office of Inspector General.

VIRGINIA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE MEDICAID FRAUD CONTROL UNIT

The Commonwealth From Corner to Corner

Here is a partial schedule of the upcoming presentations on Medicaid Fraud and Elder Abuse & Neglect. For a full list of community outreach events, please visit us at www.oag.state.va.us.

September 3 Coordinated Community Response Team

1:30 p.m. Highlands Community Service Board
610 Campus Drive, Abingdon, VA

September 16 AARP– Suffolk Chapter 4030

Open Door Church
816 Kings Fork Road, Suffolk, VA

September 17 Monthly Lunch and Learn

12:00 p.m.- Richfield Living
2:00 p.m. 3706 Knollridge Road, Salem, VA

September 24 Senior Extravaganza

8:30 a.m.- Salem Civic Center
12:15 p.m. 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, Salem, VA

September 30 Seniors Medicaid Fraud Program

11:15 a.m.- Shenandoah Club of Roanoke
1:00 p.m. 24 Franklin Road, SW, Roanoke, VA

October 1 Twin Lakes AARP Chapter

11:00 a.m. Brian's Steakhouse
625 E. Atlantic Street, South Hill, VA

October 15 Brandermill Woman's Club

10:30 a.m. Hampton Inn
3620 Price Club Blvd., Midlothian, VA

The Virginia MFCU's Community Outreach Coordinators will soon be coming to a congregation, club or civic group near you!



*Virginia Attorney General
Mark R. Herring*



Tom Davis (left), Vice President of 105.5 WRAR and River Country 107.5, interviewed MFCU Community Outreach Coordinator Randy Davis during the Warsaw-Richmond County Triad Health and Safety Fair at the Northern Neck Technical Center in Warsaw. An estimated 3,000 listeners heard Randy explain the significance of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and its special emphasis on the prevention and prosecution of elder abuse and neglect in Virginia.

What if you suspect fraud by a Medicaid Recipient?

Please contact the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS).

Recipient fraud may include:

- the deliberate failure to report income or to disclose resources
- unreported change in household member composition
- uncompensated asset transfer
- Medicaid card sharing, prescription fraud and drug diversion

Non-fraud examples are:

- eligibility errors due to recipient misunderstanding
- agency errors
- when Medicaid-covered services continue during the appeal process and the agency's cancellation action is upheld

When the investigation confirms that an individual received Medicaid services fraudulently, the claims paid on the recipient's behalf are determined and the overpayment amount is identified. Recipient fraud cases may be prosecuted by the local Commonwealth's Attorney's Office or in Federal court when joint investigations are involved.

The MFCU is statutorily prohibited from investigating Medicaid recipient fraud.



Virginia Attorney General's Office is located in the Pocahontas Building at 900 East Main Street, Richmond, VA

Contact info for DMAS:

Department of Medical Assistance Services
Recipient Audit Unit
600 East Broad Street
Suite 1300
Richmond, Virginia 23219
1-866-486-1971 or 804-786-1066



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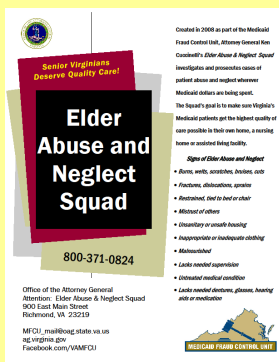
Check out the new Virginia Medicaid Fraud Control Unit's Facebook page today at www.facebook.com/VAMFCU to keep up with the latest news on Medicaid Fraud from across the Commonwealth and the nation. While there, you can also access detailed information about MFCU, including our mission, awards, and contact information. View and download photos of our recent visits to community organizations. Watch videos and check our calendar of events for upcoming presentations in your area. And, don't forget to click the "like" button if you want to join our list of friends. You may also follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/VaMFCU, and Pinterest at

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Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Elder Abuse and Neglect Squad



Order Materials for Your Community

Contact us at:

MFCU_mail@oag.state.va.us or by
telephone, 1-800-371-0824, to order
brochures, tip cards for first responders,
elder abuse and neglect flyers.

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Also, find us at <http://tinyurl.com/VAMFCU>

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If you would like to request a presentation on Medicaid Fraud or Elder Abuse and Neglect for your congregation, club or civic group, please contact Randy Davis at 804-786-7750 or Debbie Bell at 540-562-3571 today.



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